

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Presently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for drilling and lining a well, c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n pre-installing at least one liner (1, 2, 32) with a larger external diameter than the substantial part of a drilling riser (10) at a point below the substantial part of the drilling riser (10), drilling a bore hole section (21) after the drilling riser (10) has been installed, the bore hole section having a larger diameter than the at least one pre-installed liner (1, 2, 32), and lowering the at least one pre-installed liner (1, 2, 32) into the bore hole section (21, 22).
2. (Presently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n the least one liner (1, 2, 32) being pre-installed below a well head (9).
3. (Presently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n lowering an expandable drill bit through the least one liner (1, 2, 32) and expanding the expandable drill bit below the least one liner (1, 2, 32).
4. (Presently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n pre-installing at least one drill bit with a larger diameter than the external diameter of the least one liner (1, 2, 32) below the least one liner (1, 2, 32).
5. (Presently amended) A drilling ~~Drilling~~ and liner system for a well, comprising a well bore, a well head (9), a surface casing (3), a drill string, an expandable drill bit (7) and a drilling riser (10), c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n at least one liner (1, 2, 32) with a larger external diameter than the substantial part of a drilling riser (10) being pre-installed in a position below a substantial part of the drilling riser (10); the expandable drill bit being adapted for insertion through the at least one liner (1, 2, 32), expansion below the at least one liner (1, 2, 32), and drilling of a bore hole section (21, 22) adapted to receive the at least one liner (1, 2, 32).

6. (Presently amended) A drilling and liner system ~~Drilling~~ and liner system for a well, comprising a well bore, a well head (9), a surface casing (3), a drill string, a drill bit (15) and a drilling riser (10), characterised in at least one liner (1, 2, 32) with a larger external diameter than the substantial part of a drilling riser (10) being pre-installed in a position below a substantial part of the drilling riser (10); the drill bit (15) having a diameter larger than the at least one liner (1, 2, 32) and being pre-installed below the at least one liner (1, 2, 32), and the drill bit being adapted for drilling of a bore hole section (21, 22) adapted to receive the at least one liner (1, 2, 32).

7. (Presently amended) A drilling and liner system ~~System~~ according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~, characterised in that at least two said liners (1, 2) are pre-installed, wherein a first liner (1) with a larger diameter is receiving a second liner (2) with a smaller diameter in its interior.

8. (Presently amended) A drilling and liner system ~~System~~ according to claim 5 ~~any of the claims 5—7~~, characterised in a temporary sealing (41) between the at least one liner (1, 2, 32) and the surface casing (3) at or near the lower end of the liner (1, 2, 32), and ~~optionally further sealings (14) between each pre-installed liner (1, 2, 32).~~

9. (Presently amended) A drilling and liner system ~~System~~ according to ~~any of the claims 5—8~~ claim 5, characterised in said at least one liner comprises a pre-installed expandable liner (30, 33) and a pre-installed expanding cone, said cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the to-be internal diameter of the pre-installed expandable liner.

10. (Presently amended) A drilling and liner system ~~System~~ according to ~~any of the claims 5—9~~ claim 5, characterised in having an expanding cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the to-be internal diameter of an expandable liner hanger (12, 13), and an internal diameter which is equal to or larger than the external diameter of any parts that have to pass through to the sections of the well below the cone.

11. (New) The method according to claim 2, characterised in lowering an expandable drill bit through the least one liner and expanding the expandable drill bit below the least one liner.

12. (New) The method according to claim 2, characterised in pre-installing at least one drill bit with a larger diameter than the external diameter of the least one liner below the least one liner.

13. (New). The system according to claim 7, characterised in having temporary sealing between said first liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner and between said first liner and said second liner.

14. (New) The system according to claim 6, characterized in that at least two said liners are pre-installed, wherein a first liner with a larger diameter is receiving a second liner with a smaller diameter in its interior.

15. (New). The system according to claim 14, characterised in having temporary sealing between said first liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner and between said first liner and said second liner.

16. (New) The system according to claim 6, characterised in a temporary sealing between the at least one liner and the surface casing at or near the lower end of the liner.

17. (New) The system according to claim 6, characterised in said at least one liner comprises a pre-installed expandable liner and a pre-installed expanding cone, said cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the to-be internal diameter of the pre-installed expandable liner.

18. (New) The system according to claim 6, characterised in having an expanding cone comprising a part shaped as a conical ring with a maximum outer diameter corresponding to the to-be internal diameter of an expandable liner hanger, and an internal diameter which is equal to or larger than the external diameter of any parts that have to pass through to the sections of the well below the cone.